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In the
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ERIC SCHMIDT, ET AL.,
Petitioners,

v.

UNITED STATES,
Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

RESPONDENT O'BRIEN'S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS

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RESPONDENT JOHN O'BRIEN'S STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 12.6, respondent John O'Brien (party to the judgment below and petitioner in No. 00-896) hereby informs the Court and the parties that he has an interest in the outcome of this proceeding and intends to participate as a party. *See Wilson v. Omaha Tribe*, 442 U.S. 653, 663 n.13, 667 n.17 (1979); *O'Bannon v. Town Court Nursing Center*, 447 U.S. 773, 783-84 & n.14 (1980); *Director v. Perini*, 459 U.S. 297, 304-05 & n. 12 (1983). Respondent O'Brien supports the Schmidt petitioners' petition for a writ of certiorari on all the questions presented.

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